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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the nonprovisional patent application

For (Title): ELECTRONIC CAMERA AND IMAGE PROCESSING METHODBy (Inventors): Sadami OKADA

Formal drawings (Figs. 1-7; 7 sheets) are attached.
 Use Figure _____ for front page of Publication.

A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.

This application claims benefit of Provisional Application No. _____ filed _____.
 (A Preliminary Amendment is attached to reflect this claim in the Specification if not already present.)

This patent application is assigned to NIKON CORPORATION.
 The executed Assignment is filed herewith.

An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.

Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.

A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.

Priority of foreign applications No. 2002-373944 filed December 25, 2002 in Japan and No. 2003-419917 filed December 17, 2003 in Japan is claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).
 A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application(s) is filed herewith.

This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing.

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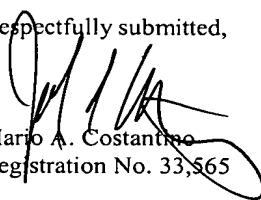
SMALL ENTITY

| RATE | FEES |
|---------|--------|
| | \$ 385 |
| x 9 = | \$ |
| x 43 = | \$ |
| + 145 = | \$ |
| TOTAL | \$ |

OTHER THAN A
SMALL ENTITY

| RATE | FEES |
|---------|--------|
| | \$ 770 |
| x 18 = | \$ |
| x 86 = | \$ |
| + 290 = | \$ |
| TOTAL | \$ 770 |

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